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SUBJ: SENEGALESE CANDIDACY FOR VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WIPO

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1. AS REPORTED IN PARA 11 OF REF B (REPEATED TO DAKAR) GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WIPO VOTED TO CREATE POSTS FOR THREE (3) DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL WITH UNDERSTANDING ONE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SOCIALIZED COUNTRIES, ONE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ONE FOR "ALL OTHERS" ON THE AGREED PRINCIPLE OF GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION. SENEGAL DELEGATION VOTED FOR THIS PROPOSAL. USDEL ABSTAINED.

2. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO FILL THESE THREE POSTS NOT EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANT POSTS, (B) PERIOD OF TIME FOR PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES, (C) PERIOD OF TIME FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CONSIDER CANDIDATURES, (D) PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES TO COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL OR VOTE IF MORE THAN THREE (3) ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION. MISSION INFORMED THAT WIPO DIRECTOR GENERAL BOGSCH HAS MADE INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH MAY 1974 FOR ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL DURING ANY PERIODS OF ABSENCE BOGSCH.

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3. COORDINATION COMMITTEE NOW EXPECTED TO MEET WHEN OTHER WIPO ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1974; HOWEVER, COORDINATION COMMITTEE WILL PROBABLY MEET IN XTRAORDINARY SESSION IN JUNE 1974 TO EXAMINE DRAFT BUDGET FOR 1975. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POSTS COULD ARISE AT JUNE 1974 MEETING; IF NOT, THE MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP AT SEPTEMBER MEETING.

4. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN NEMBERED PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 OF REF C STILL SEEMS TO BE GENERALLY APPROPRIATE. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES, PARTICULARLY FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR THE ONE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POST. IN ADDITION, SINCE BOGSCH, US NATIONAL, WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, USG WILL HAVE TO CAREFULLY ASSESS ITS POSITION IN SUPPORTING ONE CANDIDATE OVER OTHERS IF MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IS PROPOSED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. DELEGATION OF SENEGAL WAS RELATIVELY QUIET DURING WIPO TRIENNIAL MEETINGS BUT SPOKE OUT STRONGLY TO EXCLUDE PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA FROM DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO BE CO-SPONSORED BY WIPO AND UNESCO IN BRUSSELS IN 1974. SEE NUMBERED PARAS 8 AND 9 OF REF B. BASSIN

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